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GESTAPO CLOSES J.T.A. BUREAU IN BERLIN; CHARGES VIOLATION OF PACT NOT TO SEND NEWS ABROAD

BERLIN, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- THE Gestapo, GERMAN SECRET POLICE, TODAY FORMALLY EXPLAINED TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL WHY IT HAD INVOKED A DECREE ENACTED IN THE LAST DAYS OF THE HINDENBURG REGIME TO CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY THE BERLIN BUREAU OF THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, AMERICAN-OWNED NEWS SERVICE.

IN PADLOCKING THE OFFICES, GESTAPO AGENTS HAD INFORMED BUREAU MANAGER OTTO SCHICK, AN AUSTRIAN CITIZEN, THE ACTION WAS TAKEN "ON ACCOUNT OF ENDANGERING PUBLIC SAFETY AND ORDER," UNDER TERMS OF THE DECREE OF FEB. 20, 1933.

THIS MORNING CONSUL RAYMOND GEIST WAS INFORMED THE BUREAU WAS CHARGED WITH SENDING NEWS ABROAD, IN VIOLATION OF AN AGREEMENT REACHED AFTER THE NAZIS HAD CLOSED THE BUREAU IN JULY, 1933, UNDER WHICH THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY UNDERTOOK TO CONFINE THE BUREAU'S ACTIVITIES TO DISSEMINATION OF NEWS WITHIN GERMANY ALONE.

THE GESTAPO DID NOT SHOW MR. GEIST THE ALLEGED EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT ITS CHARGE, BUT PROMISED TO PRODUCE IT NEXT MONDAY.

SINCE THE AGREEMENT WAS ENTERED INTO BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY AND THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES, SHORTLY AFTER THE NAZI REGIME TOOK POWER IN 1933, THE BERLIN BUREAU HAS FUNCTIONED ONLY INTERNALLY, SUPPLYING THE GERMAN-JEWISH PRESS WITH NEWS.

ALL NEWS ORIGINATING IN GERMANY AND INTENDED FOR DISTRIBUTION OUTSIDE OF THE REICH HAS BEEN HANDLED EXCLUSIVELY BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS FUNCTIONING INDEPENDENTLY OF THE BUREAU.

ACTION OF THE GESTAPO IN CLOSING THE BERLIN OFFICE CUTS OFF THE GERMAN-JEWISH NEWSPAPERS FROM THEIR VIRTUALLY SOLE SOURCE OF NEWS FROM ABROAD.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ASKED BY GEORGE BACKER, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, TO INTERVENE WITH THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES FOR REOPENING OF THE BUREAU.

JERUSALEM CURFEW TO CONTINUE UNTIL MILITARY COURTS START WORK

JERUSALEM, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- TWELVE-HOUR CURFEW WILL PROBABLY PREVAIL IN JERUSALEM UNTIL NOV. 18, WHEN THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED MILITARY COURTS WHICH ARE EMPOWERED TO METER OUT DEATH SENTENCES FOR ACTS OF TERRORISM, BEGIN TO FUNCTION, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY.

CURFEW WAS IMPOSED YESTERDAY, FOR THE SECOND TIME WITHIN A MONTH, WHEN TWO ARABS WERE KILLED AND TWO OTHERS WOUNDED IN A BOMB EXPLOSION NEAR THE POST OFFICE.

POLICE YESTERDAY KILLED AN ARAB IN AN EXCHANGE OF SHOTS WITH TWO ARABS CAUGHT FIRING INTO THE VILLAGE OF SALFIHA, IN THE NABLUS AREA.

AN ARAB CONSTABLE WAS SHOT AND SLIGHTLY INJURED BY A SNIPER OUTSIDE THE BETHLEHEM POLICE STATION. THE SON OF THE MUKHTAR (NATIVE VILLAGE CHIEF) OF MIGDAL ZEDEK WAS SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, REPORTEDLY FOR GIVING INFORMATION TO THE POLICE AGAINST TERRORISTS.

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1,600 ENTRY CERTIFICATES SET ASIDE FOR NON-JEWS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- SIXTEEN HUNDRED CERTIFICATES OF THE PALESTINE IMMIGRATION SCHEDULE OF 9,600 ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY ARE RESERVED FOR NON-JEWS, IT WAS ASCERTAINED TODAY.

THE OTHER 8,000 CERTIFICATES ARE SET ASIDE FOR JEWS, PROVIDED THEY CAN BE ABSORBED, THUS CONFORMING TO THE QUOTA PROPOSED AS A MAXIMUM BY THE BRITISH CABINET IN ITS WHITE PAPER OF JULY 7. (IN YESTERDAY'S NEWS, IT WAS INCORRECTLY REPORTED THAT THE SCHEDULE OF 9,600 WAS FOR JEWISH IMMIGRATION.)

TERMINATION DATE OF THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, SET FOR MARCH 31, 1938, IS SUBJECT TO EXTENSION BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, IT WAS FURTHER ASCERTAINED.

A CONFERENCE OF THE MAPAI, ZIONIST LABOR PARTY, DECIDED TODAY TO PROTEST AGAINST THE ORDINANCE AS A VIOLATION OF THE MANDATE.

THE LABORITE HEBREW DAILY, DAVAR, PUBLISHED AN EDITORIAL SHARPLY CRITICIZING THE ORDINANCE, DECLARING IT WAS INTRODUCED SOLELY TO RESTRICT AN INCREASE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF JEWS IN THE POPULATION. IT PARTICULARLY ASSAILED THE PROVISION ALLOCATING 1,600 OF THE 9,600 CERTIFICATES FOR NON-JEWS, HODDING THAT THIS CLEARLY INDICATED A CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT POLICY ON "THE MOST IMPORTANT PALESTINE PROBLEM." THE GOVERNMENT'S ASSERTION THAT THE LAW IS TEMPORARY IS NOT SATISFACTORY, THE EDITORIAL SAID, SINCE IT IS SUBJECT TO EXTENSION BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

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BRITAIN SEEN INTENDING TO "GO SLOW" ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- THE BRITISH CABINET PROPOSES TO "GO SLOW" ON THE PALESTINE QUESTION, THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF THE JEWISH CHRONICLE REPORTED TODAY FROM WHAT HE TERMED A QUARTER IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE DIRECTING PERSONALITIES.

IN VIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, THERE IS A DESIRE NOT TO COMPLICATE FURTHER THE MEDITERRANEAN SITUATION, THE CORRESPONDENT STATES. HOWEVER, HE SAYS, THERE IS NO QUESTION FOR THE PRESENT OF RELAXING BRITAIN'S AUTHORITY IN PALESTINE IN THE FACE OF THE ITALIAN MENACE TO EGYPT AND SUEZ.

"GREAT BRITAIN, TO PUT THE MATTER IN A NUTSHELL, CANNOT LEAVE PALESTINE OR ITALY WOULD SIMPLY WALK IN," THE CHRONICLE DECLARED.

J.D.C. ANNOUNCES \$2,730,275 ALLOCATIONS FOR 1937

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED TODAY ALLOCATIONS TOTALING \$2,730,275 AS OF OCT. 31, 1937, FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS OF AID TO JEWS THIS YEAR IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND OTHER LANDS.

THE LARGEST ITEMS ARE \$1,147,275 FOR THE PROGRAM OF AID IN EASTERN EUROPE, \$804,500 IN EUROPEAN REFUGEE COUNTRIES AND TO REFUGEE SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, AND \$608,500 FOR THE PROGRAM OF AID IN GERMANY.

IN ADDITION, \$1,000,000 FROM OLD FUNDS OF THE COMMITTEE IS INVESTED IN POLAND FOR FREE LOAN SOCIETIES AND THE JOINT RECONSTRUCTION FOUNDATION, A J.D.C. AFFILIATE, IS UTILIZING APPROXIMATELY \$2,500,000 FOR REVOLVING SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM CREDITS AND REDISCOUNTS IN POLAND AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE.

"MOREOVER," SAID A STATEMENT BY JOSEPH C. HYMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE J.D.C., "IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS LISTED ABOVE, THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE HAS BEEN OBLIGED TO MAKE INROADS INTO ITS 1938 BUDGET TO MEET EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS THIS YEAR TOTALING \$100,000, OF WHICH \$50,000 WENT FOR IMMEDIATE AID TO THE POGROMIZED DISTRICTS IN POLAND AND \$50,000 MORE FOR ADDITIONAL GRANTS TO REFUGEE SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS."

DR. MARGOSHES RESIGNS AS EDITOR OF THE DAY IN ELECTION CONTROVERSY

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- THE DAY ANNOUNCED ON ITS FRONT PAGE TODAY THAT DR. SAMUEL MARGOSHES HAS RESIGNED AS EDITOR. THE RESIGNATION CLIMAXES A CONTROVERSY WHICH BEGAN WHEN HE ATTACKED MAYOR LA GUARDIA BEFORE ELECTION DAY FOR REFUSING TO REVOKE A PARADE PERMIT ISSUED TO THE GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT DIRECTION OF THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN ENTRUSTED TO A BOARD COMPRISING B.Z. GOLDBERG, S. DINGOL AND S. ROSENFELD. CONFIRMING THE RESIGNATION, DR. MARGOSHES SAID TODAY THE REASON WAS "A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION WITH THE EDITORIAL BOARD AND THE STAFF IN CONNECTION WITH THE ELECTION." HE HAS BEEN EDITOR SINCE 1924.

DR. MARGOSHES ALSO SAID HE WAS INSTITUTING A LIBEL SUIT FOR \$250,000 AGAINST THE JEWISH DAILY FORWARD FOR A STATEMENT IT PRINTED ON NOV. 4 IN CONNECTION WITH THE ELECTION CONTROVERSY.

MEXICAN LABOR ASKS LATIN AMERICAN CONGRESS AGAINST FASCISM

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- IMMEDIATE CONVOCATION OF A LATIN-AMERICAN WORKERS' CONGRESS TO COMBAT FASCISM WAS URGED BY THE MEXICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR TODAY IN A MESSAGE BROADCAST TO ALL LATIN-AMERICAN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS PROTESTING AGAINST THE NEW BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT, THE HAVAS NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

SECRECY IS WATCHWORD AS TEGART OVERHAULS PALESTINE POLICE SYSTEM TO FIGHT TERRORISTS

LONDON, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- ARAB TERRORISM IN PALESTINE IS TO BE FOUGHT BY NEW, SECRET METHODS TO BE INTRODUCED BY SIR CHARLES TEGART, THE NEW ADVISER TO THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT, THE J.T.A. LEARNED TODAY IN WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES.

THE NEW METHODS WILL BE BASED ON THOSE SUCCESSFULLY EMPLOYED BY SIR CHARLES IN CRUSHING THE TERRORIST GANGS IN BENGAL.

SECRECY IS THE FIRST WEAPON TO BE USED. FOLLOWING THE EXPERIENCE OF THE AUTHORITIES LAST MONTH WHEN, DESPITE THE MOST ELABORATE PRECAUTIONS, THEIR PLANS TO ARREST THE ARAB NATIONALIST LEADERS, WERE PREMATURELY DISCLOSED, PERMITTING SOME OF THE WANTED MEN TO ESCAPE, NEW SYSTEMS OF POLICE COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED, GUARANTEEING AGAINST REPETITION OF SUCH "LEAKAGES."

IT IS REPORTED HERE IN WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES THAT SIR CHARLES TEGART IS ALREADY IN PALESTINE AND THAT, INDEED, HE BEGAN HIS NEW WORK EVEN PRIOR TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS APPOINTMENT BY COLONIAL-SECRETARY WILLIAM ORMSBY-GORE IN PARLIAMENT LAST MONTH.

SIR CHARLES, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED HERE, WILL WORK THROUGH A SMALL CORPS OF TRUSTED SECRET SERVICE OFFICIALS. THE GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED NOT TO PERMIT ANY INFORMATION TO LEAK OUT AS TO HIS MOVEMENTS OR ACTIVITIES AND NO ANNOUNCEMENT IS TO BE MADE WITH REGARD TO HIS MOVEMENTS OR PLANS.

BRANDEIS CELEBRATES 81ST ANNIVERSARY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- SUPREME COURT JUSTICE LOUIS DEMBITZ BRANDEIS WILL CELEBRATE HIS 81ST BIRTHDAY TOMORROW BY FOLLOWING HIS USUAL ROUTINE. OMITTING ALL FORMS OF CELEBRATION, MR. BRANDEIS WILL GO TO HIS OFFICE AT FIVE A.M. AND REMAIN THERE UNTIL EIGHT A.M., AFTER WHICH HE WILL BREAKFAST, THEN RETURN TO HIS OFFICE UNTIL 11:30 AT WHICH TIME HE WILL ATTEND THE REGULAR SATURDAY COURT CONFERENCE.

POLISH PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH JEWISH PARLIAMENTARIANS

WARSAW, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- PRESIDENT IGNACE MOSCICKI TODAY RECEIVED JEWISH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IN AN HOUR-LONG AUDIENCE ON THE JEWISH SITUATION IN POLAND.

SCHWEITZER LEAVES FOR BERLIN AFTER WARSAW VISIT

WARSAW, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- DAVID J. SCHWEITZER, EUROPEAN VICE-DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, LEFT FOR BERLIN TODAY AFTER A TEN-DAY VISIT HERE DURING WHICH HE CONFERRED WITH JEWISH SOCIAL WORKERS ON THE TASKS FACING THE J.D.C. IN POLAND THE COMING YEAR.

B'NAI B'RITH TO MOVE TO WASHINGTON IN JANUARY

CINCINNATI, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- INTERNATIONAL ORDER B'NAI B'RITH WILL MOVE ITS CENTRAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES FROM CINCINNATI TO WASHINGTON EARLY IN JANUARY, IT WAS DISCLOSED. THE ACTION IS BEING TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DECISION MADE BY THE B'NAI B'RITH CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON IN 1935.